Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

~~PATENT CLAIMS~~

We claim:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) The device~~Device~~ for needle biopsy in accordance with claim ~~1~~ 18~~or 2~~, wherein~~characterized in that~~ ~~it~~ the device has a said stop means ~~(21, 22)~~, which limits the depth of penetration of the ~~said~~ needles ~~(9)~~ into the body in a defined manner.

3. (Currently amended) The device~~Device~~ for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 2 ~~or 3~~, wherein~~characterized in that~~ a ~~said~~ spacer ~~(22)~~, which has ~~said~~ holes ~~(23)~~ associated with the ~~said~~ needles ~~(9)~~ and can be pushed over the ~~said~~ needles in order to limit the depth of penetration into the body, is provided at least as a stop means.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) The device ~~Device~~ for needle biopsy in accordance with ~~one of the claims 1 through 8~~claim 18, wherein~~characterized in that~~ a ~~said~~ common protective sleeve ~~(14)~~, which can be attached by plugging to the ~~said~~ syringe cylinder ~~(1)~~ over the needles, is provided for all ~~said~~ needles ~~(9)~~.

10. (Currently amended) The device~~Device~~ for needle biopsy in accordance with ~~one of the claims 1 through 4~~claim 18, wherein~~characterized in that~~ a ~~said~~ filter means ~~(13)~~ is arranged in the path between the opening of the ~~said~~ channels ~~(12)~~ into the tips of the ~~said~~ needles ~~(9)~~ and the interior of the ~~said~~ syringe cylinder ~~(1)~~.

11. (Currently amended) The device~~Device~~ for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 10, wherein~~characterized in that~~ the ~~said~~ filter means comprises ~~said~~ individual filter inserts ~~(13)~~ in the tip-side end area of the ~~said~~ needles ~~(9)~~.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (New) A device for needle biopsy with a syringe cylinder, with a plunger displaceable therein as well as with a needle means,

wherein

the needle means has a plurality of puncture needles, whose channels open into the interior of the cylinder, and a ventilation means is formed by at least one overflow channel, which is formed at a distance from the syringe bottom in the inner wall of the cylinder, wherein the length of the channel in the direction of the cylinder axis makes it possible that the volume between the bottom and the plunger can be temporarily connected with the interior of the cylinder that is located above the plunger via at least one overflow channel.

19. (New) The device in accordance with claim 18, wherein the needle means has a plurality of puncture needles.

20. (New) The device in accordance with claim 18, wherein at least one indicator projection, which projects from the inner wall of the cylinder and can be overcome by the plunger, is provided at a distance from the bottom of the cylinder.

21. (New) The device in accordance with claim 18, wherein at least some of the puncture needles of the needle means have different lengths.